

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0009] beginning near the bottom of page 2 under the heading "Brief Summary of the Invention" as follows:

[0009] -- My invention improves the dispensing of perforated sheets from printers and other dispensing devices by reducing variability among 30 tensile forces required to separate the perforated sheets from webs throughout a range of positions at which the tensile forces can be applied. Initiating tearing actions along lines of perforations at one edge or the other of the webs is made relatively more difficult, while initially bursting ties located near the centers of the webs is made relatively easier. For example, perforation patterns can be arranged in accordance with my invention to support a controlled bursting sequence in which ties break in pairs, starting at the web center and proceeding simultaneously toward both edges.--